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City of Riverside Names Moises Lopez Intergovernmental Relations Officer

New post designed to foster better communication with neighboring government agencies

RIVERSIDE, Calif. – City Manager John A. Russo, who has emphasized the need for increased communication and cooperation with regional agencies and neighboring cities, has named Moises Lopez as the City of Riverside’s new Intergovernmental Relations Officer.

Lopez, who has spent a decade working for the City in community development and as a senior management analyst, begins his new job on Monday (9/21). He will report directly to Russo.

Lopez’s responsibilities will include working with county, state and federal elected officials and agencies to execute the City of Riverside’s legislative priorities. Working closely with Russo, he also will develop deeper relationships with representatives of neighboring government agencies to ensure the City of Riverside has a coordinated response to issues of regional concern.

Lopez will assist elected representatives in their service on regional boards, including the Southern California Association of Governments and the Western Riverside Council of Governments.

“The issues of concern to the Inland region are getting more complex every year, and the City of Riverside is in a unique position to show leadership,” Russo said. “Moises Lopez has the depth of knowledge on policy issues and the analytical skills that we need to be a force for progress in the region.”

Lopez has worked the past two years as a senior management analyst in the City Manager’s Office, serving as a liaison between Assistant City Manager Deanna Lorson and the City departments she supervises.

He previously worked eight years in the Planning Division of the Community Development Department, starting as an Administrative Intern and progressing to Associate Planner, focusing on advanced planning and land use policy. He worked closely on the General Plan 2025 Program, the Magnolia Avenue Specific Plan and several amendments to the Riverside Municipal Code.

“Riverside is a leader in Inland Southern California, and I look forward to doing whatever I can to take that leadership to the next level,” Lopez said. “I am excited about working with my colleagues around the county and the state to foster a greater level of cooperation and consensus.”

Lopez received his Master’s Degree in Public Administration from what is now known as the University of Southern California Sol Price School of Public Policy. He previously graduated from UC Riverside with a B.A. in political science. He is a 2013 graduate of the Set the Pace Riverside Leadership Program.

The intergovernmental relations function had previously been performed by the Intergovernmental and Communications Officer. That job has been changed to focus solely on communications.

Lopez’s salary will be \$102,996.